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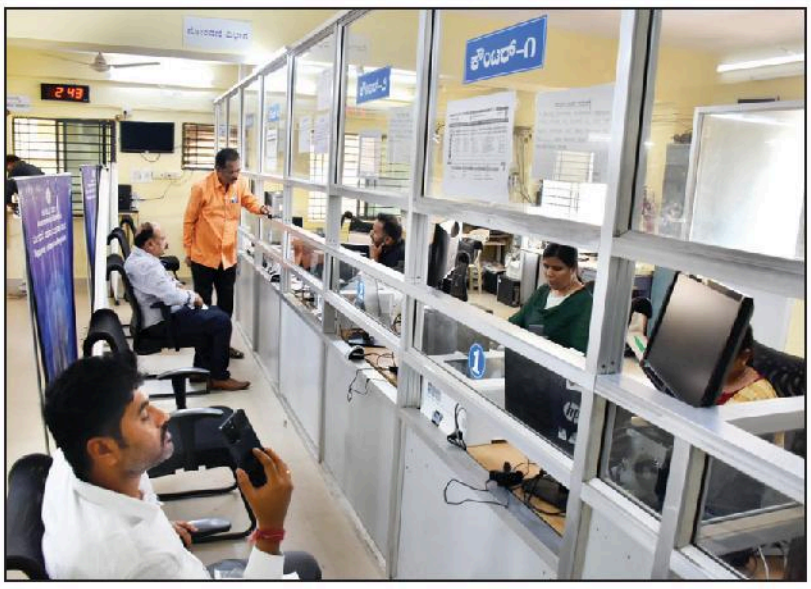
Poll code hits property registration in Mysuru



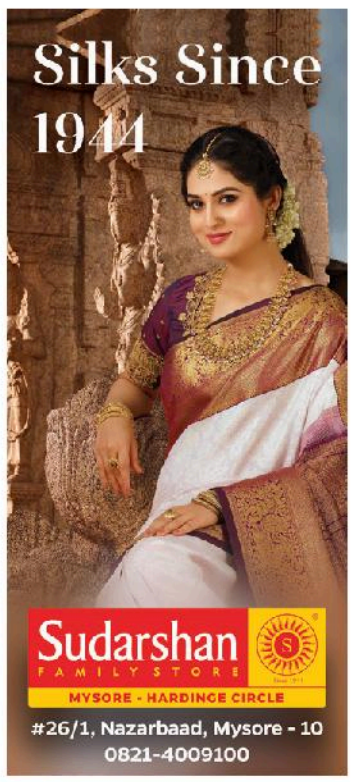
A file photo people waiting for their registration works at a Sub-Registrar's Office in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (Akshay & BCT)- Revenue from property registrations in Mysuru is poised to decrease due to a decline in property registrations at Sub-Registrar Offices, attributed to the strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

According to real estate stakeholders, property registration typically experiences a downturn during elections. Many real estate developers, property buyers and investors prefer to wait until after the elections to proceed with transactions. Additionally, the increase in Police and official checks on vehicles carrying large amounts of cash without proper documentation has contributed to the decrease in registrations.

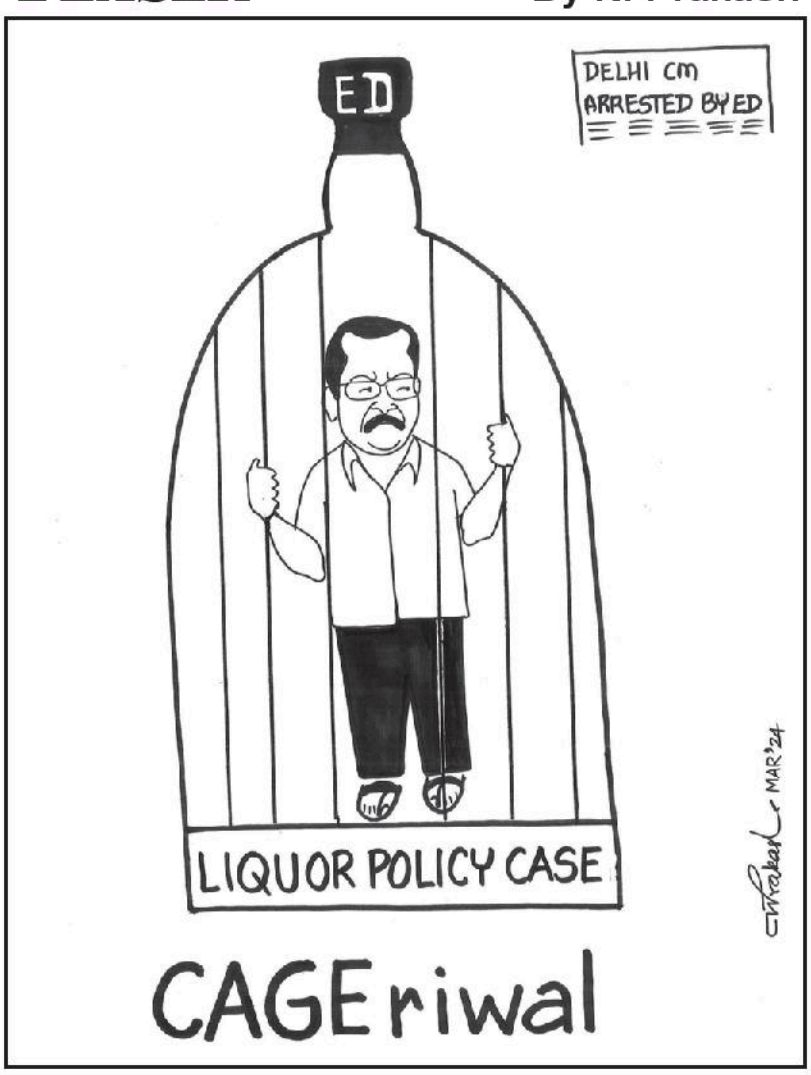
Concerns about heightened scrutiny at various checkpoints and the risk of carrying substantial amounts of cash during the election period have made property owners and buyers cautious. Many are reluctant to carry large sums of money without valid documentation, as failure to produce proper documentation for cash exceeding Rs. 50,000 can result in seizure by enforcement squads. Consequently, individuals are opting to postpone transactions until the conclusion of the election process.

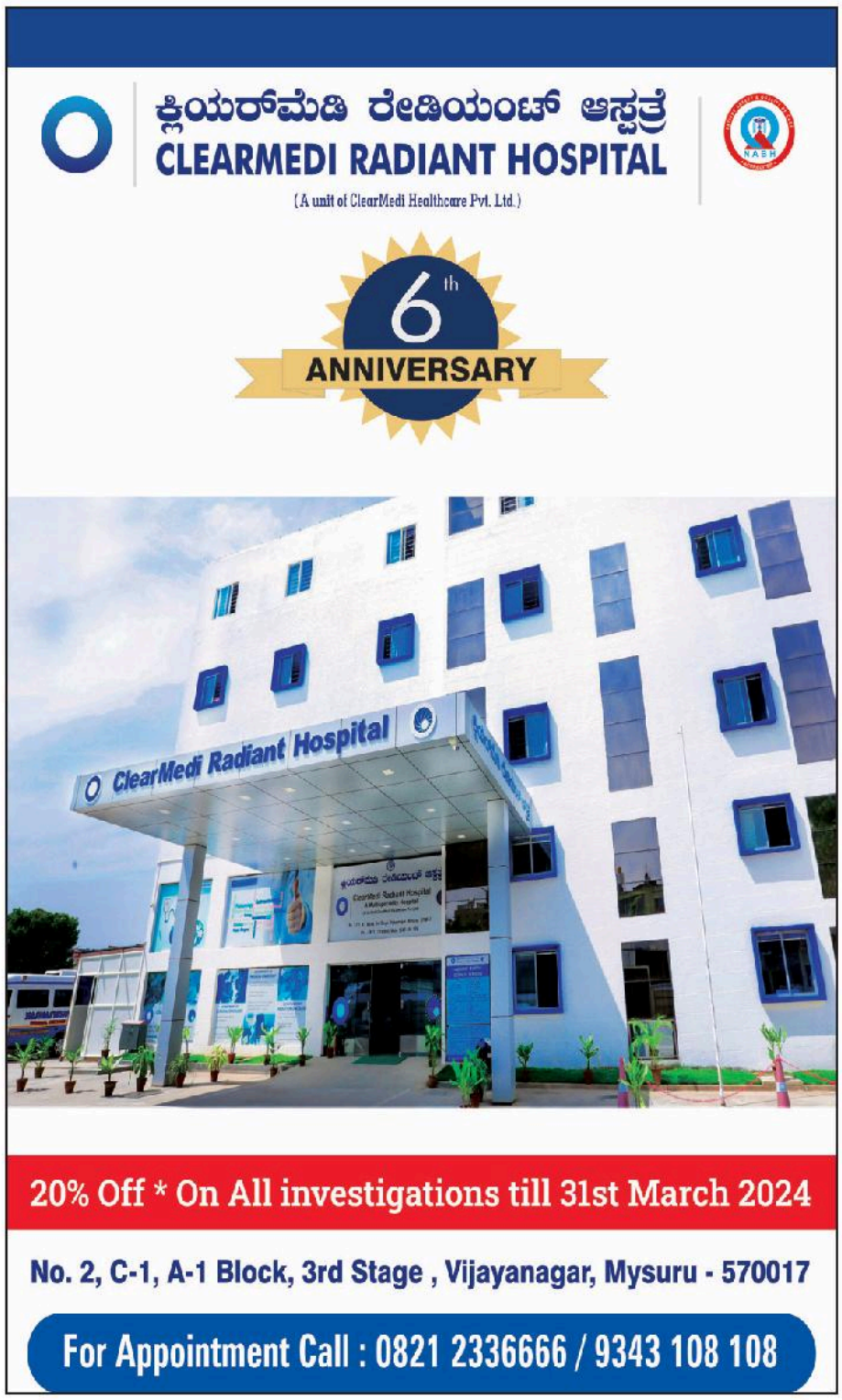
(See PROPERTY REGISTRATION on page 6)



TEASER

By N. Prakash

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 24th March 2024

NIE South wins Mysuru edition of TCS TechBytes quiz

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and the Board for IT Education Standards (BITES), an autonomous body promoted by Government of Karnataka, has announced the winners of the Mysuru Regional Finals ofthe 15th edition of TCS TechBytes quiz.

Winner: P. Ayush, NIE South, Mysuru; **Runner-up:** Aditya J. Shetty, R.N.S. Institute of Technology, Bengaluru

TCS presented gift vouchers worth Rs. 12,000 to the winner and the runner-up received vouchers worth Rs. 10,000. All finalists were awarded gift vouchers.

Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Principal, Maharaja Institute of Technology, was the chief guest at the prize distribution. The winner will go on to represent Mysuru at the State Finals which will be held in Bengaluru on Apr. 5.

Students from Mysuru region underwent a preliminary written test, from which the top six students qualified for an interactive quiz. The quiz had five segments — Tech Dashboard, Tech Recognition, Data World, Tech Connections and Generative Insights testing the students' technology acumen.

TCS TechBytes is a campus outreach programme that strives to provide a better understanding of IT to students of all streams of engineering, to enable them to compete in a technology intensive industry. The Regional Finals of TCS TechBytes is being conducted across six cities in Karnataka — Mangaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Dharwad, Tumakuru and Bengaluru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

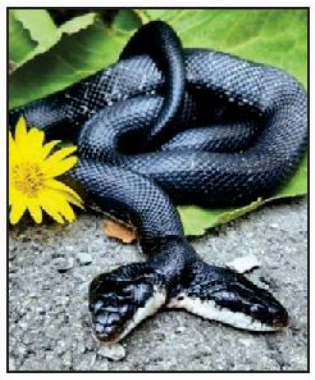
We want courage, heroism, valour to such a dimension that the huge, endless world, its terrors and challenges will not unsettle our minds. There will be cyclones, droughts, floods, fire and many other threats. The world has never been free of these. Modes of travel have advanced. This has made accidents more probable and widespread. We hear of them, often see them regularly. Every such instance tends to dim our spirits.

From where will the courage which we need to meet the challenges of life dawn or flow? The question is not new. It is the oldest. Our thinkers knew that it would ever remain fresh and alive. They answered it in the choicest words which, by their intrinsic worth, remain precious and unalterable.

How well have the Upanishads affirmed: 'Tam eva bhantam anubhati sarvam tasya bhasa sarvam idam vibhati' — this perishable body is able to exist and function because of the imperishable Soul. In the Soul's brilliance alone is seen and felt everything else. It is not that the body enables the Soul to be. It is the Soul that enables the body to be. To fall into delusion is easy. To get out of it is hard. Look into the world, only for gaining knowledge to be used for outer work. For gaining courage in increasing measures, however, you have to look to your own within. Break through the mortal sheaths of your body. Rise above the mind-sheath. Penetrate the intellectual one also. Try. Strive, by thoughts, through strong aspiration, by means of introspection, if not by meditation. You have the power to do it. — *Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Two-headed snake undergoes surgery



Missouri: A two-headed western rat snake, named Tiger-Lily, visiting the Missouri Department of Conservation's Powder Valley Nature Centre will have an extended stay to recover from surgery, officials said.

The veterinarians discovered Tiger-Lily's ovaries were in pre-ovulatory stasis. Tiger-Lily underwent successful surgery to remove her ovaries and is now recovering off-display at the nature centre. Officials said she will remain at the facility while she recovers, which is expected to take about a month.

Tiger-Lily, was scheduled to leave the nature centre this week, but the serpent will remain for a longer stay to be treated for a health condition detected by staff who noticed the snake sneezing blood after a feeding.

Women on 500-mile journey in toy cars

Florida: A pair of Florida women are attempting to create a new Guinness World Record by driving 500 miles down the state's coast in a pair of toy cars.

Cassie Aran and her friend, Lauren, who requested her last name be withheld, are documenting their adventures on social media after setting off from Friendship Fountain in Jacksonville in a pair of ride-on toy cars.

The women are aiming to make the 500-mile drive to the Southernmost Point Buoy in Key West in a time of about two months. The attempt is raising money for animal charities including Red Panda Network in Nepal, Costa Rica Animal Rescue Centre, Save a Fox Rescue in Minnesota and World Bird Sanctuary in Missouri.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tobacco smoke is a major contributor to respiratory diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer. Quitting smoking is one of the most impactful steps for lung health.

By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R - Consultant - Pulmonology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

LS polls: Excise Dept. sets up Control Rooms in city limits

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Ahead of Lok Sabha elections 2024, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Excise Department, Mysuru, has set up 24x7 Control Rooms across the city to receive complaints and information from public about illegal manufacture, storage, transportation and distribution of liquor.

The following are the numbers of Control Rooms:

Mysuru City Excise DC Office toll free number-18004255989 or Ph: 0821-2541863 or Mob: 94495-97178; Excise Deputy Superintendent's Office on Ph: 0821-2524060 or Mob: 94495-97182; Mysuru Zone 1 Excise Inspector's Office on Ph: 0821-2438269 or Mob: 98804- 84978; Mysuru Zone 2 Excise Inspector's Office on Ph: 0821-2418274 or Mob: 94487-61173; Mysuru Zone 3 on Ph: 0821-2414035 or Mob: 81234-00739 and Mysuru Zone 4 on Ph: 0821-2446670 or Mob: 96326-37800.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **86.70 feet**	Today's level **2,266.25 feet**	Today's level **2,828.37 feet**
Last year's level **100.08 feet**	Last year's level **2,261.18 feet**	Last year's level **2,824.60 feet**
Yesterday's level **86.86 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,266.55 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,828.81 feet**
Today's Inflow **73 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **29 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **172 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **981 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **400 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Rin Tin Tin, the famous German Shepherd Dog, was nominated for an Academy Award.***
- ***Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.***
- ***Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. We humans have between 2,000 and 10,000 taste buds.***
- ***According to Guinness World Records, a Great Dane named Zeus is the world's tallest male dog. Zeus is 3 feet, 5.18 inches tall.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Raj: *Why don't you travel by airplane?*
Amit: *I am afraid of accidents.*
Raj: *Don't worry. My dad says you won't die before your time.*
Amit: *I know that but when I'm flying even if it's not my time, what will happen if the pilot's time has come!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.59
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.34
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.76
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.80

VOICE OF THE READER

KSRTC: Facilitate rest-room breaks for passengers

Sir,

I would like to express my dissatisfaction with the recent experiences my spouse and I had to undergo, while traveling to and from Mysuru to Trichur by Airavat night service operated by KSRTC.

Unfortunately, both journeys were marred by significant discomfort, particularly during our trip from Mysuru to Trichur.

During our outbound journey, although the bus made a stop outside Kozhikode Bus Stand, the driver failed to allow sufficient time for female passengers to access the rest-room facilities. Conversely, on the return journey, the bus opted for the bypass road and did not enter the bus stand at all.

The absence of accessible rest-room facilities during such prolonged journeys poses a significant challenge, especially for female passengers. It is imperative that KSRTC authorities take proactive measures to address this issue and ensure that adequate provisions are made for passengers, regardless of gender, utilising their night bus services.

I urge KSRTC to issue strict instructions for their long-distance bus drivers, mandating the facilitation of rest-room breaks for all passengers.

I trust that prompt action will be taken to rectify this lacuna and enhance the overall travel experience for passengers utilising KSRTC's long route services.

—K. Chandrahas
KRS Road, Mysuru
22.3.2024

Corrections and Clarifications

Veda Krishnamurthy renews Zoo leopard adoption

THEN: **Veda with Ajit M. Kulkarni.**

NOW: **Veda with D. Mahesh Kumar.**

In the news item titled ***'Veda Krishnamurthy renews Zoo leopard adoption'*** published in yesterday's *SOM*, the old photograph of the then Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni presenting the animal adoption certificate to cricketer Veda Krishnamurthy was inadvertently published.

The new photograph of the present Mysuru Zoo Executive Director D. Mahesh Kumar presenting the renewal certificate to Veda is published above. The error is regretted. **—Ed**

LS: Rs. 9.65 cr. cash, Rs. 22.86 cr. worth liquor seized across the State

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SBD&KS)- With Lok Sabha polls round the corner and the Model Code of Conduct in force from Mar. 16, flow of cash, liquor and free gifts are making sound in the State.

In just a week after the Model Code of Conduct came into force, Rs. 9.65 crore cash and liquor worth Rs. 22.86 crore have been seized across the State.

Also, free gifts worth Rs. 15.67 lakh and other items worth Rs. 1.64 crore, narcotic substances worth Rs. 53.37 lakh, diamonds worth Rs. 9 lakh, gold worth Rs. 1.27 crore and silver articles worth Rs. 21.47 lakh have been seized and a total of 402 FIRs have been registered in the State.

A total of 65,432 firearms have been deposited by licensed gun holders with the Police out of which 831 firearms have been seized. Eight licenses have been cancelled for various reasons. Also, thousands of cases have been registered under the Excise Act and 284 vehicles have been seized.

Gutka worth Rs. 33 lakh seized

As many as 180 bags of gutka worth Rs. 33 lakh has been seized at Chigarahalli checkpost in Gulbarga Lok Sabha Constituency.

The Election Commission has to initiate more stringent action to curb such illegal practices for free and fair polls.

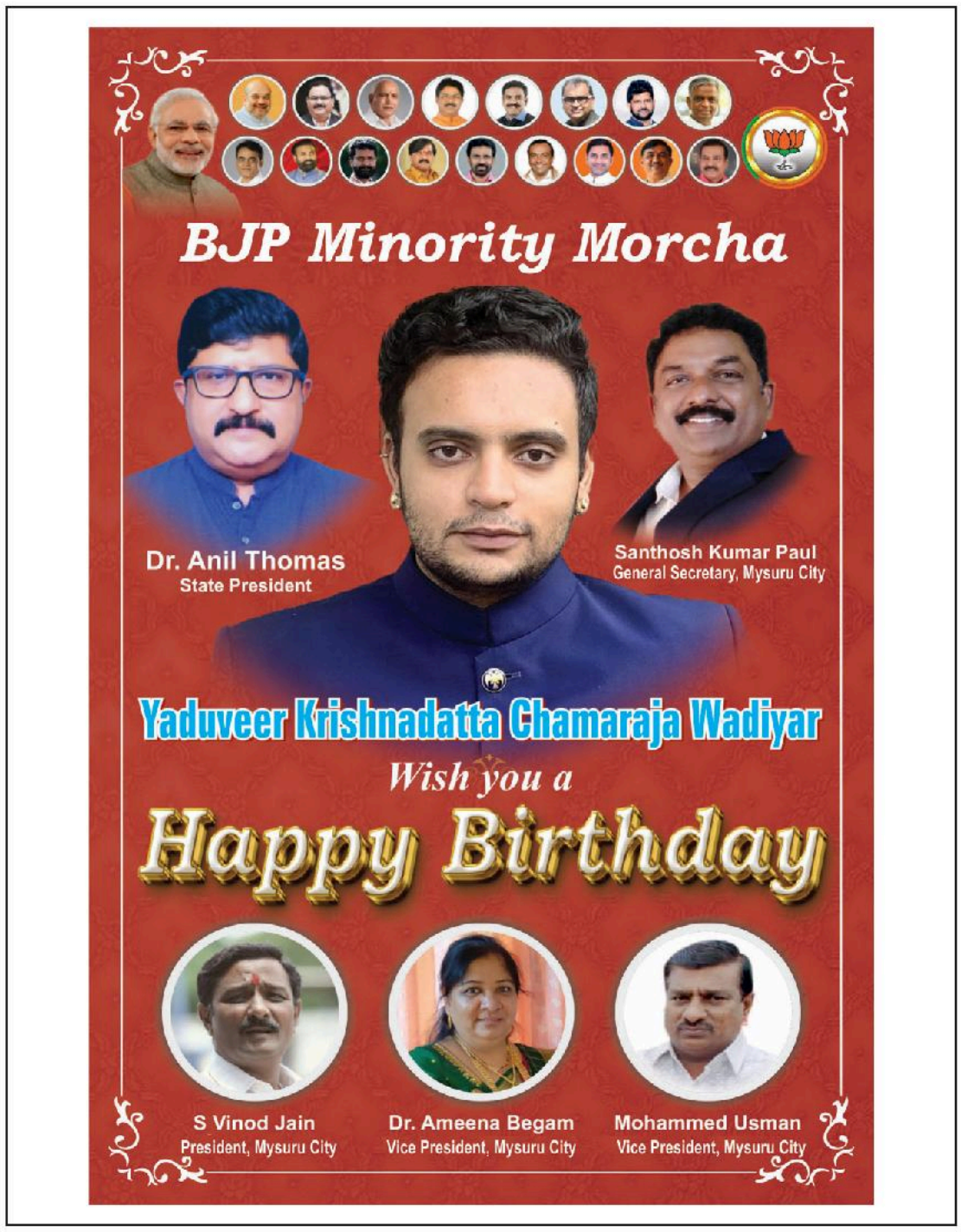
Cleaning of burial grounds marks Martyrs' Day celebrations in city

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MTY&VNS)- As a part of Martyrs' Day celebrations, members of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement, in association with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and morning walkers, had organised a cleaning drive at the Harishchandra Ghat burial grounds located at the foot of Chamundi Hill, yesterday.

The event began by offering floral tributes to the portraits of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev and to the Samadhi of late Hemachandra, who had laid down his life during the Kargil War. A total of 80 Ex-Servicemen, 50 trainees of Sainik Academy, 30 Pourakarmikas and morning walkers took part in the cleaning drive.

Speaking on the occasion, Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement Founder V. Mahesh said that the martyrs who had sacrificed their lives for our country during the freedom struggle and post independence were equal to gods. "We need to remember every person who laid down their lives during the freedom struggle against British. By taking up cleaning works at the burial grounds we are paying tributes to the martyrs and for the reason that Lord Shiva resides in burial grounds," he added.

MCC Assistant Commissioner Manjunath Reddy, Health Inspector Preethi, Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement President Prince, Vice-President Vivekananda and others were present.



NEWS BRIEFS

Inauguration of PG courses

GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has organised the inaugural programme of First Year Post Graduate Courses for MBA and M.Tech., for the academic year 2023-24 on Mar. 25 at its M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall at 11 am. V. Eswara Rao, Vice-President (Works), JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Mysuru will be the chief guest. Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, President, GSSS, will preside. Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, CEO & Board Member, Anupama B. Pandit, AO and Board Member and Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW will be present.

NSS Annual Special Camp

University of Mysore (UoM), Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Mysuru, and NSS of Sri Nataraja Women's Residential First Grade College have jointly organised the Annual Special Camp 2023-24 at Government Higher Primary School in Sindhuvalli of Mysuru taluk, from Mar. 25 to 31.

Mass Upanayana on Apr. 15

As part of Sri Shankara Jayanti celebrations, Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Mysuru, has organised Mass Upanayana for Trimatasta Brahmins on Apr. 15. Sri Krishnaswamy Shastry will conduct the Upanayana. Sabha President H. Ashwathnarayana will preside. Interested may register their names 10 days before the event. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2446498 or Mob: 94496-06311.

Entries invited

As part of International Women's Day celebration, the Mysuru District Brahmin Yuva Vedike in association with Vipra Sahayavani, has invited entries from Brahmin community women achievers for conferment of 'Vipra Mahila Ratna Award'. The applicants must be achievers from different fields such as Education, Arts, Music, Sports, Painting, Science, Research etc., Interested achievers can Whatsapp their entries along with supporting documents of their achievement to Mob: 98807-52727 or 78290-67769. The last date for sending entries is Mar. 26.

Hernia Screening

Suyog Hospital has organised a free hernia screening camp at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar from Mar. 25 to 30. The camp will be led by Surgical Gastroenterologist Dr. Sharath Kumar. [Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862]

MCC Commissioner calls for prudent use of water

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MTY&DM)- MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu said that everyone should make a pledge on saving water and to ensure that the city does not face drinking water crisis during summer.

She was speaking after inaugurating 'International Water Day' celebration organised by Mysore City Corporation (MCC) at Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) on KRS Road here on Friday.

Expressing concern that the city may have to face drinking water shortage due to poor rainfall, Dr. Madhu said that though there is water crisis in Bengaluru, there is no such situation in Mysuru at present. Mysuru is more blessed because of the existence of KRS and Kabini Dams, she added.

Stressing on the need for prudent use of water which is becoming precious by the day, the MCC Commissioner regretted that precious drinking water is being unnecessarily wasted for car washing and other such purposes. Underlining the need for creating awareness on judicious use of water, she said that everyone must understand that water conservation is the need of the hour.

MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu handing over the certificate to a person who had adopted rainwater harvesting system during the International Water Day celebrations held at VVWW in city on Friday as others look on.

Highlighting the measures taken by the MCC for ensuring drinking water supplies, Dr. Madhu said that water will be supplied in tankers in areas facing water shortage. Underlining the fact that every drop of water counts these days, she called upon the people not to waste water and to pug leaks immediately.

Four out of 14 persons who have adopted rain water harvesting, were presented with a medal and an appreciation certificate.

University of Mysore Geology Department Head Dr. D. Nagaraju delivered a talk on water conservation and judicious use of water.

MCC Deputy Commissioner Sindhu, SJCE Environmental Engineering Department Head Dr. B.M. Sadashivamurthy, VVWW AEE Nagarajegowda, Somashekar, Ravikumar, Uma, D. Ashwini and others were present.

Hotel owners advocate the need for judicious use of water

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (DM)- Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda said that water is the lifeline of every creature on earth and as such it should be used judiciously by every human being.

He was speaking at the 'World Water Day' celebration, organised jointly by Apoorva Sneha Balaga and Arivu Samsthe at a private hotel in Chamundipuram here on Friday.

Calling upon customers to use water judiciously and thus conserve precious water in hotels and restaurants, Narayanagowda said that at the same time it is the responsibility of hotels to advocate judicious use of water by customers.

Pointing out that hotels should also come up with messages and phrases on water conservation along with the menu, he stressed on the need for sensitising customers on water conservation. He also emphasised on the need for conducting more awareness and sensitisation programmes on water conservation as water is getting dearer by the day.

Posters carrying messages on the importance of saving water were released on the occasion.

Apoorva Sneha Balaga President Apoorva Suresh, social worker Vikram Iyengar, Akhila Bharatiya Grahaka Panchayat Mysuru Unit President Chandrashekar, Prasad Shetty, Suresh, Sandeep, Dharmendra, Nagesh, Srikant Kashyap, Dayanand and others were present.

Computer lab donated to Govt. School for Visually Impaired

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (TRR)- Samarthanam, a leading nor-profit organisation, working for the visually impaired and underprivileged people across the country, in association with Signify India Company has donated a computer lab for City's Government Boys School for the Blind under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative 'Jagmag Patashala.'

District Welfare Officer for the Disabled D. Mohan, Ramana Mannars, Head of Samarthanam Shivaram Deshpande, School Superintendent Satish Kyatanahalli, Signify Company's Imran Khan and Mysuru Division Coordinator Shivaraju jointly inaugurated the Computer Lab by cutting the tape.

Speaking on the occasion Mohan said that the physically disabled must learn more about technology and its proper usage. "This will help in their educational progress. Every one should get access to modern technologies," he added.

Samarthanam Head Shivaram Deshapande and Ramana Mannars also spoke. School Superintendent Shivram Kyatanahalli presided and advised the physically disabled to make use of their talent to achieve in this competitive world.

Samarthanam Mysuru Division Coordinator Shivaraju, Southern Star Construction's Bharat, Srileela, Bhramarambha, Brunda Bai, Padma, teachers Arun Kumar and others were present at the function.

Chain snatched at BEML Layout

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Chain snatcher has snatched a gold chain from a woman at BEML Layout 2nd Stage in city on Mar. 17 evening.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 52-year-old Parvathi Aadi, a resident of BEML Layout.

On Mar. 17 at about 6 pm, Parvathi was walking in front of Sri Mahadeshwara Provision Store, when the chain snatcher, who was standing along with his scooter, yanked off her 40 gram gold chain.

As Parvathi held on to the gold chain, the chain broke and the chain snatcher managed to flee with about 18 grams of the gold chain. A case has been registered at Kuvempunagar Police Station.

Doctor cheated of Rs. 1.56 lakh

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Online fraudster has cheated a city doctor of Rs. 1.56 lakh in the guise of getting him a loan from Bank.

The victim is 55-year-old Kukke Subramanya, a resident of Madhuvana Layout in Srirampura.

The fraudster, who called Subramanya from Mob: 90351-37366, introduced himself as an employee of a private Bank and told Subramanya that a loan amount of Rs. 25 lakh was sanctioned from the Bank and obtained Subramanya's Bank account statement and other related documents on WhatsApp.

The fraudster then got Rs. 1,56,935 transferred from Subramanya as processing fee thus cheating him.

A case has been registered at CEN Police Station in city.

Tourist movement dips due to poll season, soaring heat

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (RK&BCT)- The period between April and May in Mysuru typically witnesses a surge in leisure activities, including tours, coinciding with the school summer break.

However, this year, the soaring summer heat, combined with the upcoming General Elections in April and May, has cast a shadow on the travel plans of holiday-makers.

Consequently, there has been a noticeable decline in the uptake of summer tour packages. The effects of elections are already being seen in Mysuru which is seeing a 50 percent decline in tourists.

Traditionally, immediately following the conclusion of children's board exams in March, tourists, particularly families, flock to both urban centres like Mysuru and nearby tourist destinations. However, tour operators have reported a significant decrease in bookings to and from Mysuru compared to previous years, largely attributed to the looming elections.

Many individuals who would typically embark on leisure trips during the summer months are opting to remain at home instead. Especially this year, students in eighth, ninth and tenth standard are taking up public examinations. As such, parents have put off the travel plans.

Even after the conclusion of exams, the election season kicks in with Government officers and employees being put on election duty. They cannot leave their headquarters even on a Sunday without permission from the District Election Office. Also, tourists are desisting from visiting places as the Election authorities have set up check-posts all over to curb the violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

Only Chamundi Hill popular

This weekend, except Chamundi Hill, which continues to draw hundreds of local visitors, all other tourist destinations in Mysuru, including the Zoo, Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, Karanji Lake, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, Srirangapatna, Melukote, Tipu Palace, Nimishamba Temple and Talakadu, are experiencing a significant decline in tourist footfall.

The Mysore Palace, for instance, typically welcomes over 5,000 tourists daily. However, this weekend, the number of visitors barely reached 2,500. Hospitality industry stakeholders told *Star of Mysore* that only 30 percent of the hotel rooms are booked now and 70 percent of the rooms are vacant.

Traditional modes of transportation like Tonga rides, as well as the sale of handicrafts and other locally made products, have witnessed a noticeable decrease in demand.

Additionally, the operations of buses managed by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) have experienced a decline in the number of trips taken.

This notable decrease in tourist influx is indicative of the current trend where many visitors are opting to stay away from popular attractions, possibly due to factors such as the ongoing elections or concerns related to the prevailing heat.

Measures at check-posts

The anticipated chaos surrounding the upcoming elections has even resulted in the postponement of short and day-long leisure trips for many individuals.

This delay is primarily attributed to the stringent security measures implemented at check-posts, where vehicles are subjected to lengthy queues and thorough inspections for unaccounted cash and illicit liquor.

At these check-posts, every vehicle undergoes meticulous scrutiny, with authorities recording the details of passengers, including their names, addresses, destination and expected date and time of return. The rigorous checking procedures, aimed at ensuring safety and security during the election period, have inadvertently deterred tourists from embarking on visits to various destinations.

As a result, individuals bitten by the wanderlust bug during the summer season are opting for a more cautious approach, choosing to stay within the comfort of their homes until the political scene and climate stabilise.

Wild elephant kills coffee planter in Kodagu

Madikeri, Mar. 24- A coffee planter was killed when a wild elephant attacked him at Naladi in Kakkabe Gram Panchayat (GP) limits in the early hours of yesterday. The tragedy came to light when the pet dog returned home alone. The deceased has been identified as Kambeyanda Raja Devaiah (59), a resident of Naladi village. He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Yesterday early morning, Devaiah went to the coffee estate which is close to his house along with his pet dog. But after some time, the pet dog returned home alone. Sensing trouble, Devaiah's wife called her husband on his mobile phone. As her calls went unanswered, she went to the coffee estate and was shocked to see a wild elephant in the estate. She immediately ran to the house and informed her son, who in turn went to the coffee estate and searched for his father only to find his body. He then informed the matter to the villagers.

Villagers said that there were three wild elephants which had stayed put in the coffee estate. Devaiah, being a coffee planter, was also driving his own autorickshaw for a living. It is learnt that when Devaiah went to his coffee estate, the wild elephants attacked him leading to his death and his pet dog ran back home.

Villagers express anger

Pointing out that the villagers in this region were living in fear due to menace of wild elephants, villagers said that wild elephants had also attacked Devaiah's brother in the past resulting in him suffering a broken leg and had recovered recently.

Stating that wild elephants had attacked many people in this region and were raiding coffee estates frequently, the villagers said that though they had made several representations to the Forest Department, the officials had failed to provide a solution which has now led to a family losing their bread-winner.

The villagers demanded adequate compensation be paid to the family of deceased Devaiah and provide a Government job to his children besides urging the Forest Department to take steps to shift the elephants.

After Forest Dept. officials assured of providing adequate compensation and also assured of bringing the incident to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, the villagers shifted the body of Devaiah to the District Hospital.

DFO Bhaskar handed over the first phase of Rs. 5 lakh compensation cheque to the family members of the deceased. Napoklu Station House Officer Manjunath and staff, Madikeri RFO Ravindra, Virajpet RFO Kallira Devaiah, Bhagamandala RFO and staff, Kakkabe Gram Panchayat office-bearers and others were present.

Yaduveer meets family members

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar, who visited the house of deceased Devaiah, offered his condolence to the family members. He was accompanied by former MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MLC Suja Kushalappa and others.

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar visited the house of the deceased Devaiah last evening and offered his condolence to the family members.

Yaduveer's interaction with the public

Flights from Mysuru, waste disposal figure prominently

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar (third from left) interacting with the public at the premises of Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions in Saraswathipuram this morning. Others seen are (from left) former MLA Ramdas, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, State BJP in-charge of the election campaign Radha Mohandas Agarwal, City BJP President L. Nagendra, State BJP General Secretary M. Rajendra and Mysuru (Rural) District BJP President L.R. Mahadevaswamy.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MTY&DM)- As the Lok Sabha polls approach, BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat Yaduveer Wadiyar engaged in a public interaction at the premises of Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions in Saraswathipuram this morning.

Among the speakers was K.R. Satyanarayana, President of the Hoysala Sangha, who expressed concern over the underutilisation of Mysore Airport. He highlighted that the Airport, once bustling, now operates only a handful of flights, rendering it almost redundant.

With just two flights currently in operation, Satyanarayana urged Yaduveer, if elected, to promptly address this issue and revitalise Mysuru's presence on the global air travel map, thus facilitating both domestic and international travel.

Another attendee advocated for improved & faster ambulance services in Mysuru, while others voiced concerns over inadequate waste disposal management & persistent issue of black magic practitioners in the city.

They called upon law enforcement agencies to take decisive action to protect residents from the fear and harm associated with black magic practices. Additionally, some audience members raised alarm over the reckless burning of dried leaves and trees, which poses hazards to nearby residents.

Waste segregation and disposal

Addressing the public's complaints and grievances, Yaduveer acknowledged the ongoing efforts by launching special drives and conducting awareness campaigns to educate people about proper waste segregation and disposal.

He emphasised the importance of changing the public mindset towards waste disposal and urged for total cooperation in waste management, including supporting Pourakarmikas in their tasks.

Yaduveer Wadiyar, who is celebrating his birthday today, performed 'Gau Puja' at Mysore Pinjrapole Society, situated at the foot of Chamundi Hill, expressing reverence for the sacred cow and fed the cattle with jaggery and sugarcane.

Presenting his vision for the city, Yaduveer proposed a weekend initiative focused on the rejuvenation or conservation of a lake or a monument. He expressed willingness to extend this initiative to more days if there is sufficient public support.

Highlighting the contributions of his forefathers, the erstwhile rulers of Mysuru, Yaduveer drew parallels between their works and Prime Minister Modi's developmental programmes and schemes. He noted Modi's vision for India in 2047, the centenary of independence, and called for public support in realising this vision for a robust India.

In his address, former MLA Ramdas set a target of winning at least 370 seats in the LS polls and urged people to elect Yaduveer with a significant margin to enable him to serve effectively.

Wadiyars' rule and Modi's rule

Radha Mohandas Agarwal, the State BJP in-charge of the election campaign, underscored the revered administration of the erstwhile Mysuru rulers, which was widely lauded across the country during the pre-independence era.

Highlighting the Mysuru Maharajas' commitment to education, healthcare and other public welfare measures for the betterment of people's lives, Agarwal emphasised Yaduveer's candidacy as a means to carry forward PM Modi's vision of a fully developed India. He urged the electorate to vote for Yaduveer with such a significant margin that it became a matter of national recognition for Mysuru.

Visit to Pinjrapole

In the morning, Yaduveer paid a visit to the Mysore Pinjrapole Society situated at the foot of Chamundi Hill, where he performed 'Gau Puja,' expressing reverence for the sacred cow. He then proceeded to feed the cattle with offerings such as jaggery and sugarcane.

To mark his birthday today, Yaduveer was feted by Pinjrapole Society with a 'Tulabhara' ceremony, where he was weighed against bundles of jaggery.

Present on the occasion were KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA N. Mahesh, District BJP President L.R. Mahadevaswamy and other BJP leaders.

Poll code hits property registration in Mysuru

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30 to 40 percent decrease now

A veteran deed writer from Mysuru, who has over 15 years of experience in the field, speaking anonymously to *Star of Mysore*, revealed that there has been a noticeable decline in registrations across all Sub-Registrar Offices.

Currently, the registrations being processed are primarily from the previous week due to significant server issues with the Kaveri 2.0 software, resulting in a backlog of tasks. Consequently, new registrations are not taking place and existing tasks are being carried forward.

"Typically, I receive information about property purchases approximately two weeks prior, as necessary documents such as the EC (Encumbrance Certificate) must be prepared for transactions. I usually handle between six to ten property deeds weekly. However, since the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, I have only written two deeds," he said.

He estimates a notable 30 to 40 percent decrease in property registrations now.

Anticipating a further decline, he predicts that once nominations are filed and transaction scrutiny intensifies, registrations could plummet by 70 to 80 percent.

Furthermore, clients and property owners are refraining from formal agreements regarding property purchases. Typically, these agreements are signed and a token advance is paid before registration. However, due to strict monitoring of cash withdrawals and transport exceeding Rs. 50,000 has deterred parties from engaging in written agreements, he added.

Book value, market prices differ

Manohar, a retired Sub-Registrar, noted that as the year-end approaches, there is typically a decline in loan-based property registrations.

This decline occurs because banks tend to refrain from disbursing loans towards the end of the year to ensure proper accounting, reserving such transactions for the following financial year.

"Despite assertions from senior officials suggesting minimal variance between the guidance value (or book value) and market prices, the actual land rates vary significantly from locality to locality, city to city, and village to village. Moreover, there is often a percentage of undisclosed income involved in transactions, which may go unnoticed by the Government," he said.

While intra-family land transactions, such as gift deeds, may continue, new property registrations are expected to suffer due to the stringent enforcement of the model Code of Conduct, he added.

Muralidhar, a deed writer from Periyapatna, said that before the enforcement of the code of conduct, he would typically handle between eight to ten property deeds and agreements per day, with auspicious Fridays or Mondays sometimes seeing up to 15 deeds written.

However, since the implementation of the Code of Conduct, there has been a noticeable dip, with Muralidhar now only completing around eight deeds per week.

No significant fluctuations in property registrations

"During every election cycle, property registrations are notably affected. It has been approximately a week since the announcement of election dates, yet there hasn't been a significant fluctuation in property registrations compared to the preceding week before the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct. The State Government has recently revised the guidance value to align more closely with prevailing real estate rates or market value, with a marginal difference. This adjustment aims to minimise the involvement of black money and most transactions now occur through bank transfers or account payments. If there is indeed a decline in registrations, its extent will only become evident in the following week or later."

—Vijayalakshmi Inamdar
District Registrar, Mysuru

All 28 Karnataka seats are prestigious to me: CM

'Strategies, secrets cannot be divulged before media'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seen during the Congress party's meeting of MLAs, MLCs, former legislators and Block Congress Presidents of Mysuru and Kodagu districts held at a private hotel in city this morning as** (from left) **District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, KPCC Working President and MLA Tanveer Sait and Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BLU&VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, viewing the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency as a matter of prestige and great importance, arrived in Mysuru to devise plans to ensure the victory of the party's candidate in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing the media upon his arrival at Mysore Airport this morning, Siddaramaiah dismissed allegations of the Congress party succumbing to family politics. He stated that the party had nominated candidates based on popular demand, refuting any internal confusion or rifts regarding ticket distribution.

He confidently asserted the party's aim to secure 20 seats in the State, contrasting with what he labelled as the BJP's exaggerated claims of sweeping all 28 constituencies.

When questioned about the significance of the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency, Siddaramaiah asserted that every constituency, including Mysuru-Kodagu, held equal importance and prestige for him. He emphasised the benefits of the coalition between the BJP and JD(S), asserting that the alliance would favour the Congress.

Highlighting the Congress party's commitment to fulfilling promises, Siddaramaiah criticised the BJP's alleged failure to deliver on its numerous pledges.

Responding to MLA Gubbi Srinivas's statement regarding his resignation, Siddaramaiah clarified that the media had misrepresented the statement and reiterated Srinivas's call for support to the Congress party due to Siddaramaiah's efforts for the welfare of the poor.

Regarding his political strategy for the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency, Siddaramaiah remained tight-lipped, indicating that certain strategies could not be divulged to the media.

Arriving on a special flight, Siddaramaiah was greeted by Congress leaders and is scheduled to convene meetings with MLAs, MLCs, and former legislators, and Block Congress leaders from Mysuru and Kodagu districts to deliberate on various election strategies.

Siddaramaiah is also expected to visit Jungle Lodges and Resorts in Kabini, where he will stay overnight.

LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation's Skill Development Centre for tribal youths

Mysuru, Mar. 24- A Skill Development and Training Centre for tribal youths, funded by the LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation, was inaugurated at an event held at Vanavasi Kalyana Karnataka (VKK) in Chamundipuram on Mar. 14. The facility was dedicated by L.K. Shamsundar, the Zonal Manager of South Central Zone of LIC of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Shamsundar highlighted LIC's contribution to the project as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. He emphasised the importance of empowering tribal youths with skills to promote self-reliance and enhance their livelihood opportunities.

V. Bhaskar, Joint Secretary of Vanavasi Kalyana Karnataka, reiterated the organisation's commitment to the holistic development of tribal communities nationwide. He outlined VVK's objectives, which include providing basic education, healthcare, sports training, and skill development to tribal populations.

Also present at the event were S. Satyanarayana Sastry, Senior Divisional Manager of LIC Mysore Division, A.G. Thammaiah, the President of VKK, and other dignitaries committed to the welfare and development of tribal communities.

Congress candidate seeks Suttur Seer's blessings

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Congress candidate M. Lakshmana seeking the blessings of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Suttur Mutt premises located at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning as City Congress President R. Murthy, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar and other Congress leaders look on.

Obituary

Maletira Chimy Nanjapa

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Maletira Chimy Nanjapa (86), wife of late M.M. Nanjapa and a resident of No. 348/B, 2nd Main Road, Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. She was the Trustee of Kodava Deenabandhu Charitable Trust, Mysuru.

She is survived by two sons (Apaya and Bopana) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

M.L. Devaraju

M.L. Devaraju (69), son of late Lingegowda and a resident of Sarvajna Road in Kuvempunagar 'J' Block, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Maragowdanahalli in Malavalli taluk, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held today.

Nagaraja Swamy

Nagaraja Swamy (72), senior Advocate and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away following a heart attack on Friday night in city. He had served as a Professor at JSS Law College and an Advocate for 40 years.

He leaves behind his wife Mangala, son Mahadevaprasad, daughter-in-law, grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place Somanahalli in Hunsur taluk yesterday.

Chandrashekar Bhairy

Chandrashekar Bhairy (62), former President of Madiwala Association and a resident of Bharat Nagar in Sathagalli, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

SVEEP icons

Javagal Srinath

M. Mahendra

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (OSR)- The Election Commission has designated former International cricketer Javagal Srinath and para-athlete M. Mahendra as the icons for Mysuru district's Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Programme (SVEEP). This announcement was made through a release issued by M. Kurma Rao, Additional Chief Electoral Officer of DPAR (Elections). Additionally, filmmaker Nagathihalli Chandrashekara has been appointed as the SVEEP icon for Mandya.

NDA to hold massive public rally in city soon

Mysuru, Mar.24 (BLU&DM) - In a bid to make a complete sweep in the LS polls, the BJP and JD(S) which have entered into an electoral alliance, will be holding a mega rally in city shortly.

With Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency and 13 other LS Constituencies in southern part of the State going to the polls on Apr. 26, the mega rally is said to be a show of strength in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's home turf and also aims at providing a much needed booster for strengthening the NDA (National Democratic Alliance).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, also a former Prime Minister, will be jointly addressing the huge rally in which the coalition candidates of Mysuru-Kodagu, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Hassan Constituencies will attend. PM Modi has agreed to share the stage with H.D. Deve Gowda during the rally.

Meanwhile, the State BJP is said to have come up with a list of places where PM Modi should address poll rallies in order to ensure the victory of the coalition candidates. As per the seat sharing arrangement, the BJP will contest 25 out of the 28 seats, while its ally, the JD(S) will contest in three other seats, namely Mandya, Hassan and Kolar (SC).

Interactive talk at SBRR Mahajana First Grade College

Empowering women through health awareness, wellness

Dr. Sushma Appaiah

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BCT)- In an endeavour to promote health awareness and empower women, the Department of Sciences, SPARSH, Women Empowerment and Internal Quality & Assessment Cell (IQAC) had jointly organised an interactive talk on 'nutrition and your success: Let's talk' and 'women health and hormonal regulation' at SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, recently.

Dr. Sushma Appaiah, Counsellor and Founder of Golz - Nutrition and Diet Solutions, Roopanagar, served as the resource person. The programme comprised two sessions catering to different segments of the audience.

Session 1: Exclusively for female students, focused on the theme of nutrition and success. Dr. Sushma addressed the young women, emphasising the importance of self-care and self-love through healthy nutrition practices. She discussed various aspects such as non-communicable and communicable diseases, lifestyle impacts and dietary patterns affecting health.

Additionally, she provided insights into managing obesity, underweight, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension, hormonal imbalance, cancer, stress and nutrient deficiency diseases.

Dr. Sushma also shared strategies for stress management and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, drawing from global statistics on anxiety and depressive disorders among young adults. The session aimed to empower young women to make informed choices for their well-being and success.

Session 2: Targeted teaching and non-teaching staff, focusing on gender sensitisation and holistic health. Dr. Sushma addressed common health issues faced by working men and women, including chronic backache, obesity, diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, PCOS and thyroid disorders.

She highlighted the significance of balanced nutrition, providing guidance on dietary habits and addressing misconceptions. Moreover, she shed light on hormonal imbalance and regulation, emphasising the importance of self-care. The session encouraged dialogue and interaction between participants, fostering a supportive environment for health awareness and empowerment.

The workshop commenced with a prayer led by Priyanka Shenoy, Head, Dept. of Biotechnology and a welcome note by N. Spandana, Head, Dept. of Microbiology. The event was hosted by P. Radhika, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry. Zuha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, proposed a vote of thanks. Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, IQAC coordinator D. Geeta, HoDs, staff and students were present.

Women's Day must be a regular feature: UoM Registrar

Mysuru, Mar. 24- International Women's Day was celebrated at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) in the city recently. It was jointly organised by the Dean of Student Welfare and Department of Physical Education, VVCE.

Registrar of University of Mysore V.R. Shylaja was the chief guest. She spoke at length on women-centric policies at the workplace aimed at promoting gender equality, rendering support and addressing challenges faced by women employees. Shyalaja was in praise of the institution's policy on equal pay, diversity and inclusion initiatives, highlighting significant number of women staff.

The Women's Day celebrations should not be confined to a particular day, but it should be a continuous exercise to promote the welfare of women on and off workplace, she suggested.

Vidya Vardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presided over the event. VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath and VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda were the guests.

Sports and cultural contests were conducted a week ahead of the programme for the faculty members of the institution. Prizes were distributed by the guests.

Empowering women and fostering gender equality

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BCT)- Embracing the theme of 'Inspire and Inclusion' for the 2024 International Women's Day, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, took a significant step towards empowering women and fostering gender equality.

Dr. Vidya Narayan, Head of the Post-Graduation Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, delivered a lecture, highlighting the crucial role women play in balancing their lives akin to a pot of oil, where not a drop should be spilt.

Organised by the Internal Quality and Assessment Cell and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Cell of the college, the event featured enlightening technical sessions led by Dr. Vidya Narayan and Dr. K.O. Nanda, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital.

Dr. Vidya Narayan shed light on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) at the workplace, emphasising the importance of awareness, prevention mechanisms and redressal procedures. She delved into the landmark Vishaka Vs State of Rajasthan case of 1997, which catalysed the formulation of protective legislation for women.

Dr. Nanda's session underscored the imperative of investing in women to accelerate progress and achieve gender equality through economic empowerment. Drawing from Ayurvedic principles, she addressed various life stages of women and offered valuable insights into health issues faced by young women. She advocated for cervical cancer immunisation and emphasised the importance of informed choices in pregnancy.

Principal Dr. M. Poornima echoed the theme's significance, emphasising its relevance beyond women to encompass humanity and Mother Earth. She stressed the importance of inclusion, particularly for marginalised women, in achieving societal justice.

The event, graced by Dr. Rechanna, honoured women security and housekeeping staff, recognising their invaluable contributions to the college community.

Cultural programmes followed the event, adding vibrancy and celebration to the day's proceedings. Deepika and group commenced the event with an invocation, while stream Secretaries Sinchana, B.S. Meghana, Surabhi and Sowbhagya conducted the event. Pushpalatha, Assistant Professor of Kannada, proposed a vote of thanks.

World Down Syndrome Day observed in city

Child's special personality must be supported: Dr. S.N. Mothi

Noted paediatrician Dr. S.N. Mothi inaugurating the 'World Down Syndrome Day' programme at AIISH premises in city recently as other dignitaries look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SPN&TRR)- Noted paediatrician Dr. S.N. Mothi emphasised that one in every thousand babies born in our country is affected by dementia. He urged parents not to perceive this condition as a disability, but rather to support the child's personality development.

Dr. Mothi shared his views during the inauguration of the 'World Down Syndrome Day' programme, jointly organised by the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics at AIISH Seminar Hall, here recently.

Parents should not underestimate the potential of children with dementia. Instead, they should prioritise the physical and mental well-being of their child. Dr. Mothi noted that specially-abled children often demonstrate intelligence comparable to or exceeding that of typically developing children. With ample exposure to various platforms, they can excel, he said.

Dr. Mothi highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent acknowledgement of a specially-abled girl from Surat for her achievements in Yoga at the national level. He underscored the importance of creating a conducive environment for specially-abled children's physical and mental growth.

Furthermore, he stressed that every child is unique and deserves love and attention from their parents. Despite challenges posed by hereditary factors and chromosomal abnormalities like Down Syndrome, Dr. Mothi encouraged parents to cherish their child's presence and strive for their well-being.

In India, an estimated 29,000 to 30,000 children are affected by Down Syndrome. Additionally, one in every 750 children suffers from dementia, with many cases observed in rural areas.

If parents provide the same opportunities to specially-abled children as they do to typically developing children, these children can strive to reach their full potential. It's crucial to instil a love for learning and education in children with Down Syndrome Dr. Mothi noted.

In her keynote address, AIISH Director M. Pushpavathi underscored the importance of this year's Down Syndrome Day theme. She urged parents to create a supportive environment for their children to achieve their goals.

President of Mysuru Unit of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics Dr. M.R. Prashanth and Paediatric Neurologist Dr. Anusha Raj were present.

Lok Sabha Polls-2024

Call for MP Sumalatha to contest as independent candidate

Sumalatha

Mandya, Mar. 24 (VNS)- With BJP leaving Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency to JD(S) as a part of its electoral pact, current independent MP Sumalatha Ambarish, who had extended her support to the BJP and was in a hope to get ticket, is shocked to have missed the boat. Following this, Sumalatha's followers, who have expressed their disappointment, have urged her to contest as an independent like she did in 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Speaking to the media persons, Hanakere Shashikumar, a close aide of MP Sumalatha, said that the Mandya MP had worked for BJP in the previous Assembly Polls and was confident to get the party ticket for the Lok Sabha polls.

"Having carried out a lot of development works in the past 5 years, she should contest the upcoming polls as an independent candidate since BJP has left the Mandya LS seat to JD(S)," he said and added the he, along with other supporters, will convince MP Sumalatha to consider their suggestions since late Ambarish and Sumalatha had contributed immensely for the development of Mandya.

Shashikumar also mentioned that they would abide by the decision taken by the supporters of late Ambarish.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev quits BJP

H.V. Rajeev

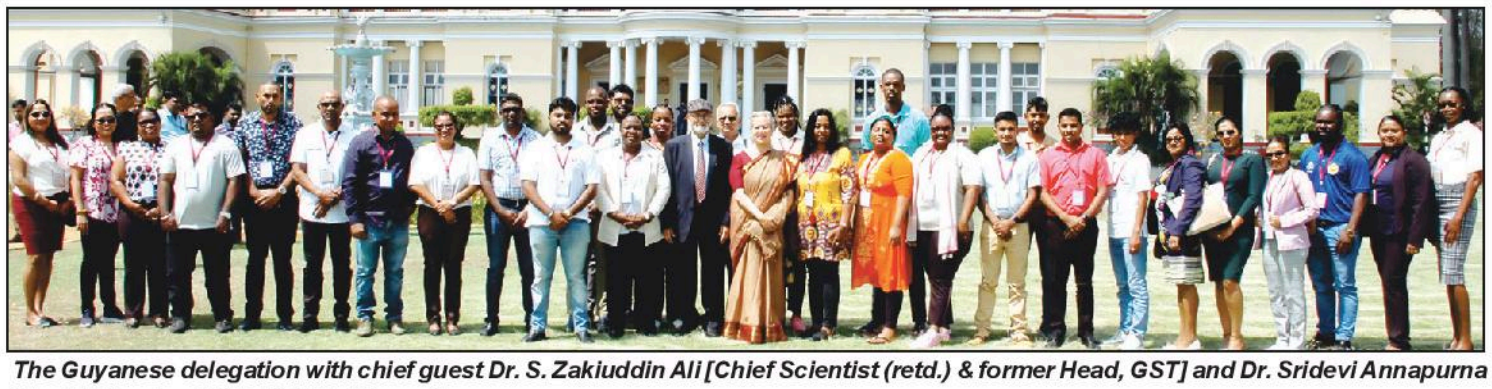
Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SPN&DM)- Nearly an year after being denied the party ticket from KR Constituency in the May 2023 Assembly polls, senior BJP leader and a former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev has quit the BJP citing changed political scenario in the State.

In a letter addressed to the City BJP President on Friday, Rajeev, who had maintained a distance from the BJP since the May 2023 Assembly polls, said that he was resigning from the Primary Membership of the party.

Pointing out that he had held several posts in the BJP during years of his service to the party, he said that he was quitting due to political transition in the State.

Rajeev is likely to join the Congress along with his supporters soon.

Guyanese team trained by CFTRI in agriculture, food processing



The Guyanese delegation with chief guest Dr. S. Zakiuddin Ali [Chief Scientist (retd.) & former Head, GST] and Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh [Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru].

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BCT)- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru, had organised a training programme on "Rice Milling and Value Addition to Rice" for a Guyanese delegation under the Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation (ITEC) programme sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, from Feb. 27 to Mar. 18.

India has a long tradition of knowledge-sharing, formalising the ITEC programme in 1964 to build the capacity of partner countries. Through ITEC, India aims to share its experiences with other developing nations, fostering partnerships to combat poverty and progress collectively.

With a vast network of expertise in governance and development across higher educational institutions and training facilities, ITEC offers nearly 10,000 fully-funded, in-person training opportunities annually through around 400 courses at over 100 distinguished institutes in India, providing participants with cultural immersion experiences.

The training hosted 29 Guyanese delegates representing various organisations including GRDB, Guyana School of Agriculture, University of Guyana, Institute of Applied Science & Technology, Guyana Food Safety Authority, Guyana Marketing Cooperation, Banks DIH LTD., Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development, Ministry of Agriculture and its allied Departments/Institutes etc.

Dr. S. Zakiuddin Ali, Chief Scientist (Retd) and former Head, GST, inaugurated the event on Feb. 27, emphasising the mutual knowledge exchange between faculty and participants.

The three-week session covered lectures on grain processing, production and agronomy, rice milling, packaging, drying, ageing, by-products, parboiling, extrusion cooking, nutritional quality, quality assurance, infestation control and food safety.

Demonstrations included popping/puffing of paddy, infestation control systems and rice-based product development, among others. Participants also visited local rice mills and industries in Bengaluru for practical exposure.

The valedictory session on Mar. 18 was attended by Dr. S. Ayyappan, Chairman of Research Council, CSIR-CFTRI and Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI among others. Certificates were awarded to delegates and a monograph on "Contributions of CSIR-CFTRI Towards Rice Research" was released. Dr. Rama Swami Bansal, Chief Scientist and Head ISTAD, CSIR, New Delhi, thanked MEA for their support.

In addition to the training, cultural visits were arranged, including a visit to Mysore Palace and sightseeing tours to historical and tourist sites around Mysuru, providing participants with insights into Indian culture and history.

Overall, the training programme aimed to enhance participants' knowledge and skills in rice processing and value addition, fostering long-term partnerships between India and Guyana in agriculture and food processing.

WORD OF THE DAY

Golem

Pronunciation: GOH-lum.
Meaning: Golem refers in Jewish folklore to an artificial humanoid being endowed with life. It can also refer to someone or something (such as a robot) resembling such a being.
Origin: The Hebrew ancestor of the word golem means "shapeless mass," and the original mythical golems started as lumps of clay that were formed into figures and brought to life by means of a charm or a combination of letters forming a sacred word. In the Middle Ages, golems were thought to be the perfect servants; their only fault was that they were sometimes too literal or mechanical in fulfilling their masters' orders. In the 16th century, the golem was thought of as a protector of the Jews in times of persecution. But following its entrance into English, golem acquired a less friendly second sense, referring to a man-made monster that inspired many of the back-from-the-dead creations of classic horror fiction. These days, the word golem is frequently used in the gaming world for a variety of foes and beasties made of materials ranging from ice to iron to even, in one game, candy.
Example: "There is no game like Cuphead. The passion project ... instantly set itself apart from the wide swath of 2D action games with its uncanny recreation of the 1930s cartoon aesthetic. ... There's no filler here, and every fight stands out as a memorable experience, from a bearded stone golem and his pack of evil gnomes to a train-riding cow who sees the business end of a pressure cooker only to keep on fighting." — Russ Frushtick, Polygon.com, 30 June 2022

THE ODD WORD

Gamidolatry

Worship of marriage.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get over it

Meaning: The phrase "Get over it" means to accept something that happened in the past and move on.
Origin: When we talk about "getting over it," we're discussing finishing something — be that an illness, an emotional upset, or something else entirely. The origin of the idiom "get over it" is attested to use of the word "over" as a late 14th century meaning for "recover from." The term is first seen in literature in John Behervaise's Thirty-six Years of Seafaring Life published in 1839, referencing an amputation: "Such was his state that no one supposed he could ever get over it."
Example: Danny - "I'm really bummed that I lost the game last night"; Rosa - "You need to get over it and focus on winning today's game."

QUOTE BOX

If you judge people, you have no time to love them. **— Mother Teresa**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer : No going back.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Political cartoonist Thomas
5 Irish or Scottish Gaelic?
9 Capable
12 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
13 Substantive
14 Rowing device
15 Get _ _ writing (2,2)
16 French policeman
18 Sturgeon roe
20 Inquires of
21 Slight split
23 Metrical foot
26 Flowing style of writing
29 The joint between the foot and the leg
30 To be - a change of "era"?
31 Strange and weird
33 Estimated life expectancy
34 Persons belonging to the nomadic race of northern Scandinavia
36 The ultimate consumer (3-4)
38 Smoke-duct
39 Useful quality
40 Honey makers
42 Line on a weather map
46 Discuss business (4,4)
49 Chaste
50 Digital Video Input acronym
51 Prefix with port
52 Privy to (2,2)
53 Pol. Act. Comm.
54 _ __ state of affairs: unfortunate circumstances (1,3)
55 The Indian god of fire

DOWN

1 Naval Off. In Charge
2 Change "Tata" for what we make our roti from?
3 Ex-Opening batsman __ Sundar Das
4 Invigorating medicines
5 Impress deeply; infix
6 The eggs or egg-laden ovary of a fish
7 UK's Rishi ___
8 Comes to a conclusion
9 Casts off, discards or disavows
10 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
11 Three in Italy
17 Of like nature or related
19 Zodiac sign
22 Goddess of tillage
24 Fr. miss
25 Frothy drink made from malt or hops
26 Young one of a cow
27 Mountain range
28 Nation without a monarch
29 Yellow fever bug
32 Without flavour or taste
35 Peep; peer
37 Ideal place
39 Cricket trophy
41 ____Deol of Dhoom
43 Stopper
44 Town in MP
45 Italian painter Guido - "rine" anagram?
46 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
47 Ms Gardner
48 Uber competitor

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	C	C	P	■	N	A	N	A	■	N	O	E
O	R	A	L	■	O	N	U	S	■	A	S	A
D	A	R	A	■	V	I	L	L	A	G	E	R
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C	R	I	T	E	R	I	A	■	■	A	W	E
P	I	N	E	■	E	R	G	■	K	N	E	W
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S	K	O	D	A	■	V	I	A	L	■	■	■
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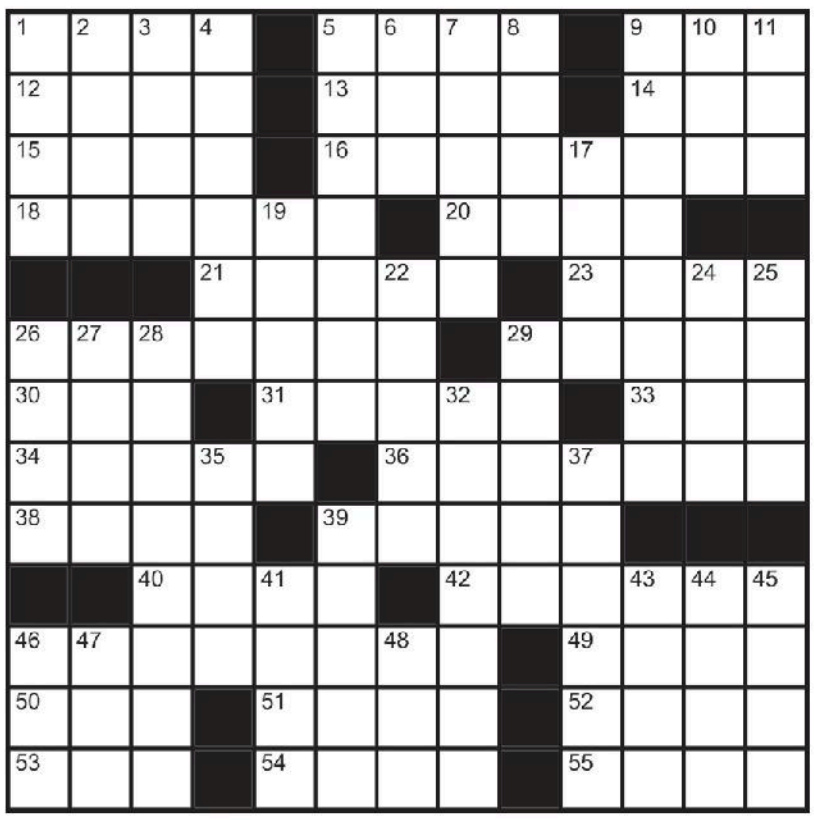

SUDOKU

1	3	6		4		7		
			1					
	7		9			1		
4							8	1
	1			7			5	
5	8							7
		2			4		3	
					6			
		1		3		2	7	5

Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	9	7	8	2	5	3	4
2	4	5	9	3	1	7	6	8
7	3	8	5	4	6	9	2	1
9	8	4	2	5	3	1	7	6
6	2	3	8	1	7	4	9	5
5	1	7	6	9	4	3	8	2
8	5	1	3	6	9	2	4	7
4	9	2	1	7	8	6	5	3
3	7	6	4	2	5	8	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GN GO UAZZ NT JGQA UYAW KODAM PLN GN GO PANNAB

NT JGQA LWKODAM, NYBTLJY LWMABONKWMGWJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A man may build himself a throne of bayonets, but he can't sit on it.

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E)	(S-1)	11 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	(S-1)	10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.20 pm
Dilkush (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Anchakkallakokkan (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Thooth Kaasu (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Lineman (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Jackie (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Razakar - Silent Genocide (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Rebel (Ta)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.30 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Jackie (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Premalu (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Thooth Kaasu (K)	:	4.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.55 am, 2.45 pm, 5.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Kerebete (K)	:	12.30 pm
Thooth Kaasu (K)	:	12.30 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 6.40 pm
Madgaon Express (H)	:	12.45 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	1.25 pm, 7.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.10 pm
Rebel -2024 (Te)	:	3.25 pm, 9.05 pm
Dilkush (K)	:	3.45 pm
Jackie (K)	:	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Lineman (K)	:	6.25 pm
Anchakkallakokkan (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.20 am, 1.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Lineman (K)	:	12 noon
Madgaon Express (H)	:	12.10 pm, 6.55 pm
Rebel - 2024 (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.40 pm
Blink (K)	:	3.15 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	:	3.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakshasa Tantra (K)	:	4.10 pm
Jackie (K)	:	6.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 24)

- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - An art exhibition of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Thinkers Forum, Mysuru:** An informal interaction with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Convocation Hall, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises, **4 pm.** [Mob: 99161-56490 or 99010-10990]
- **JSS Law College (JSSLC), Mysuru and Surana & Surana International Attorneys (SSIA), Chennai:** Valedictory of 21st Surana & Surana National Corporate Law Moot Competition, Justice B.S. Patil, Lokayukta and former Judge of Karnataka High Court, delivers valedictory address, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presides, Prof. K.S. Suresh, Chief Executive, JSS Law College, G. Shivadass, Senior Advocate, Bengaluru, Preetham Surana, Partner and Head, Academic Initiatives, SSIA, Chennai and Dr. S. Nataraju, Principal, JSS Law College, Mysuru, will be present, College premises, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachana Veda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Naatya Sabha, Mysuru:** 'Thyaga Vaibhavam,' a unique rendition of Karnatak music and Bharatanatyam based on the Pancharatna Kritis of great Saint Tyagaraja as part of Sri Thyagaraja Aradhane by city's renowned dance group Kalarpanam, Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Gor Mati,' directed by C. Basavalingaiah, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]
- **Pushpanjali, Mysuru:** Holi Milan, **9.30 pm;** Holika Dahan, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 25)

- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - An art exhibition of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am to 7 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Senior Citizens Day Care Centre, Mysuru:** Samethanahalli Smt. Mahalakshmamma Ramarao Endowment Programme, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal inaugurates, Senior Citizens Day Care Centre President Maleyur Prabhuswamy presides; Gamaka Vaachana by Sri Rajeshwari Gelatiyara Balaga President Vidu. Vijaya Sudarshan, Vyaakhyana by writer & retd. teacher Vani Subbaiah, Senior Citizens Day Care Centre, Nimishambha Layout, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Basudev Somani College - NSS and Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP), Mysuru:** World Water Day, P. Geethanjali, Chief Administrator and Managing Trustee, The Institute of Education Trust, Mysuru, inaugurates, B.S. Yogendra, Scientist, Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), resource person, Prof. V.K. Jose, Secretary, RLHP, Mysuru and Kuber P. Gowda, Secretary and Managing Trustee, The Institute of Education Trust, Mysuru, chief guests, Dr. M. Mahadevaswamy, Principal, Basudev Somani College, presided, Dr. T. Ramesh, NSS Programme Officer, Basudev Somani College, College auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **11 am.**
- **Aradhya Mahasabha, Mysuru:** Jagadguru Sri Renukacharya Jayanti celebration, procession of Jagadguru Sri Renukacharya's idol, **5 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-265, vocal duet by Ustad Sarfaraz Khan and Ustad Faraz Khan, accompanied by Pandit Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pandit Sumit Nayak on tabla, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

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Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	3.20 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 7 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Madgaon Express (H)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.20 pm
Swatantrya Veera Savarkar (H)	(S-3)	10 pm
	(S-4)	10 am , 3.55 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	(S-3)	1.00 pm

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Madgaon Express (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Rebel - 2024 (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 10 pm
Jackie (K)	:	10.50 am, 10.30 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E)	:	11.15 am
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3d)	:	1.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.25 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.45 pm
Rakshasa Tantra (K)	:	2.05 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	:	4.10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	4.20 pm
Dilkush (K)	:	4.25 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Lineman (Te)	:	7.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Convocation of SDMIMD

Mysuru, Mar. 24- The 29th Annual Convocation of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute of Management Development (SDMIMD), Mysuru, will be held at its premises on Apr. 5 (Friday) at 3 pm. Bharat Forge Chairman and Managing Director Babasaheb N. Kalyani will be the chief guest and deliver the Convocation Address. SDMIMD Chairman and Rajya Sabha MP Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade will preside over the event.

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TODAY'S MATCHES (MARCH 24)

RR vs LSG
Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, Rajasthan — **3.30 pm**

GT vs MI
Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 25)

RCB vs PBKS
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru — **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

DC - 174 / 9 (20)
LOST TO
PBKS - 177 / 6 (19.2)

KKR - 208 / 7 (20)
BEAT
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